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### In the Specification

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Paragraph beginning on page 12, line 21, through page 13, line 12.

Referring still to Figure 1, the device 10 of the present invention further consists of a ball 16 disposed upon the upper left forward portion 13 of the body 11, part of which protrudes above the body 11 through a circular opening 20 with the remaining portion inside the body 11 and thus not shown. In addition to the ball 16 protruding through the top of the body 11, the ball 16 is slightly exposed on the left side of the body 11 through the same circular opening 20. The ball 16 is preferably made of a smooth, hard plastic, as is known in the art. As noted above, the mirror image of this description is also claimed as my invention as an embodiment of the device 10 for use by the left hand, as shown in Figures 3 and 4. Preferably the ball 16 is as large as possible to give the user accurate control over the cursor during both work surface and hand-held use. However, the ball 16 size is limited so that it can be easily and comfortably manipulated by the user's thumb. The ball 16 is further limited so as to avoid adding too much weight to the device 10 or necessitating a larger body which would not comfortably fit in the user's hand. The shape of the body 11 and disposition of the ball 16 is such that during both work surface and hand-held use the user's thumb can be easily moved between a resting position on the body 11 and placement on the ball 16.

Paragraph beginning on page 13, line 13, through page 14, line 2.

The body 11 further consists of an enter key 12 and a drag key 14 both disposed on the forward portion 13 of the body 11. More specifically, again referring to Figure 1, the enter key 12 is mounted on the top and forward portion 13 of the body 11 and the drag key 14 is mounted on the top and right forward portion 13 of the body 11, to the contiguous right of the enter key 12. The keys 12 and 14 extend from the forward portion 13 of the top of the body 11 and angle downward along the body's 11 frontal curvature 24 to occupy the upper portion of the forward side of the body 11. The width of each key 12 and 14 is slightly greater than the width of the average person's finger such that when the user's finger rests on one of the keys 12 and 14 the entire width of the finger is accommodated. The keys 12 and 14 take the same contour as the body 11 and are at all points flush with the body 11. The keys are preferably made of the same injected molded plastic as the remainder of the body 11. The disposition of the keys 12 and 14 orient the hand in relation to the body 11 such that the thumb is in the most optimum place to control the ball 16 and the ulnar fingers rest near or against the side of the body 11 which is opposite the ball 16.

Paragraph beginning on page 17, line 21, through page 18, line 6.

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Another alternative embodiment has the body 11 further comprising a scroll wheel 17 (FIG. 1) as known in the art disposed between the enter key 12 and drag key 14. Scroll wheels permit the up and down scrolling of windows on the computer screen without requiring the "pointing and clicking" technique typically required in a graphical environment. The scroll wheel 17 consists of a spring-loaded supplementary control in the body 11 for generating additional transmissions to the computer which specifically control the scrolling rate and direction. Again, because the electrical and computer interface functions of the device 10 of the present invention are not claimed, they are described only briefly herein, merely for the purpose of making a full disclosure.

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